

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

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A RESOLUTION to honor Millersville Police Officer Kasey Fitts for her singular act of bravery in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kasey Fitts is one such public servant who courageously serves with the Millersville Police Department and was wounded in the line of duty after responding to a call; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2009, the Millersville Police Department received a report that a male resident in a home in the Millersville community was suicidal; Officer Fitts and several other officers were dispatched to the home and upon arrival, they heard shots fired and immediately took cover; and

WHEREAS, after hearing several more shots, the police called in the Sumner County SWAT unit and Officer Fitts was instructed to take cover in a neighboring yard to keep an eye on the front of the house; and

WHEREAS, after the arrival of the Sumner County SWAT unit, Officer Fitts heard a shotgun blast and felt a hot burning sensation in her neck; she was able to grab her shotgun and crawl to cover beside the neighboring house; and

WHEREAS, in her place of cover, Officer Fitts advised dispatch that shots had been fired and that she was hit; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ronnie Williams of the Millersville Police Department, realizing that one of his officers was down, heroically responded to Officer Fitts without wearing his bullet proof vest, putting his own life in harms way while escorting her to safety; and

WHEREAS, Officer Fitts was transported by Sumner County EMS to Skyline Medical Center and eventually moved to the Vanderbilt Hospital Trauma Center for treatment of her wound; and

WHEREAS, after Officer Fitts was shot, more police units from across the region were called to the scene, and eventually the suspect surrendered to the police, several hours after the standoff began; and

WHEREAS, the medical staff at Vanderbilt treated Officer Fitts's wound, and she was later released from the hospital with a slug still lodged in her throat; and

WHEREAS, Officer Fitts has pursued a career in law enforcement for several years and has honorably served with the Millersville Police Department for more than a year; and

WHEREAS, never knowing when an ordinary call could become deadly, Officer Fitts and the hundreds of heroic law enforcement officers throughout Tennessee risk their lives daily protecting the citizens of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Kasey Fitts has performed her duties as a police officer with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; her service can only be categorized as outstanding, and she deserves proper recognition for her heroism as a public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Officer Kasey Fitts from

the Millersville Police Department for her meritorious service, commend her heroism in the line of duty, and offer our thanks for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.